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### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Earl Stamp leaves tonight for a brief visit with friends in Omaha.

Dr. Morrill, Dentist.

Mrs. Will Eshleman has been spending this week at Camp Funston visiting Earl Eshelman.

For Rent—8 room house, modern except heat. 413 E. 5th street. Inquire at 417 E. 5th. 102-3

For Sale—Scotch Collie puppies. Phone Black 457 or call at E. S. Gilnes, Graceland addition. 102-2

W. R. Maloney returned Wednesday night from Kansas City where he spent the early part of this week.

I now have funds at 5% per cent on choice bottom table land. Gene Crook, Room 4, Keith theatre Bldg.

Mr. and Mrs. George Zentmeyer and children will leave next week for California where they will remain several weeks.

Rev. and Mrs. Lewis, of Sidney, spent several days in town this week visiting their daughter Mrs. B. A. Cram.

For Sale—Two lots and two houses, one ten room and one five room, all modern except heat. Will trade for land. Inquire of J. Habler. 1001f

Mr. and Mrs. John T. Strahorn will leave about February first for California where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Wanted—Man and wife to work on ranch. Everything furnished except furniture. A permanent position. Phone 790F031 or write C. P. Howard, Route B, North Platte. 100-3

County Attorney Keefe returned Wednesday night from a visit with relatives in Sioux City, coming home via Kansas City, where he spent the early part of this week.

Travelers report that nine miles of excellent road has been built in Gaslin precinct, running east from a mile west of the Brady turn. The work was done by the farmers of that section and they are pleased, as is also Commissioner Springer.

### HUNDRED DOLLAR BIRDS ON EXHIBITION AT SHOW.

The fourth annual show of the Lincoln County Poultry Association opened at the Lloyd opera house yesterday, and any one who is interested in poultry will do well to attend. The number of pens on exhibition is not quite as large this year as last, but Earl Smiley, who is here as judge, says the quality of the birds is better.

In addition to the pens shown by Lincoln county poultry growers there are many exhibits from Council Bluffs, Lexington and other towns. Guy Temple, the Lexington banker, is exhibiting a number of pens, and one of his males is valued at one hundred dollars. J. A. MacDonald also has a bird that is valued at a sum in excess of one hundred dollars.

The pens embrace about every strain of the chicken family, and in addition there are turkeys, geese and ducks. There is a very large exhibit of bantam chickens.

### Short of Funds.

Farmers who have petitioned for a county agent ask the county commissioners to expend fifteen hundred dollars for that purpose for the current year, the federal government to furnish the remaining \$1200 needed. The commissioners favor the county agent plan, but unfortunately the law makes no provision for funds. Of course the sum can be taken from the county general fund, but it is always nip and tuck with that fund—it requires lots of work to make both ends meet. The fund cannot be increased by an increased levy, for the levy is, and has been for years, up to the maximum allowed by law. If fifteen hundred dollars are expended for a county agent it will probably mean that some expenditure equally as important will need be cut out.

With the county as with individuals the cost of conducting business has increased enormously, and there is no way for the county to increase its receipts, for the law dictates what the tax levies shall be. The commissioners must therefore pay these increased expense bills with no increase of receipts. It is therefore apparent to all that the commissioners are up against a hard proposition.

### Presbyterian Church.

The services at the first Presbyterian church next Sunday will be as follows:

Sunday school 10:00 a. m.; Communion and reception of members at 11:00 a. m.; Junior C. E. at 3:00 p. m.; preaching at 7:30 p. m.

The members are especially urged to be present for the communion service.

It may not speak well for the patriotism of country, but it is nevertheless a fact that about one-half of the registrants who have filed their questionnaires have grasped at every possible straw to strengthen their claims for exemption. In many instances these claims are absurd, and will have no standing with the district board at Omaha, which will consider and pass upon them. All the questionnaires will be closely scrutinized by this board, and in case of misinformation on the part of the registrant the real condition of the registrant will be looked up by a man detailed for such purpose by the federal government. A member of the local exemption board remarked yesterday that he would not be surprised any day to have such an officer walk in upon the board and ask to examine the questionnaires, copies of which will be kept on file in the office of the local board.

Last summer a number of Lincoln county people loaded up on flour, some of them buying a year's supply, doing this not as an act of hoarding, but rather on the belief that flour prices would advance. However, under government regulations, these men can now be classed as hoarders of food stuffs, and are liable to a penalty under the law. Some of the farmers have approached County Food Administrator Goodman and asked what they should do in the premises, and he has advised them to divide with relatives or neighbors who are not supplied with a stock larger than the rules permit. These men will follow out Mr. Goodman's instructions.

The banana belt has certainly come in to its own this week, and the brand of weather we are having is pleasant as May. Observer Shilling expects to give us this kind of weather for the remainder of the winter if he can keep his wires from crossing. It is possible, he says, that we may have a few frosty mornings, and it will therefore be unwise to plant garden until after the first of February.

Miss M. Sieman, steam baths and Swedish Massage, ladies and gentlemen. Phone 897, Brodbeck bldg. 851f

A gang of men are still engaged in repairing the Western Union telegraph line that suffered so severely in the storm late last winter. This gang has been employed at this work since early in April of last year, and still have much to do. The territory in which they have been working extends from Brule to Brady. At present there are eleven men in the gang.

### RAILROAD NOTES

A marriage license has been issued to Carl B. Menzie, a brakeman of this city, and Ethel E. Bell, of Omaha.

D. H. Wing, a machinist helper in the employ of the Union Pacific, was married Wednesday to Katherine M. Splinter, the ceremony being performed by Judge French.

Engineer George Lannin, who fell from an engine Monday and fractured his skull, regained consciousness Wednesday and is reported to show improvement. He is still in a critical condition.

Chairman Bogue, of the B. of R. T. protective board, has been spending the past few days at home, but it is probable that he with other chairmen will soon be springing to Washington for a conference with the government officials.

Last Sunday the Philadelphia and Reading road announced the cancellation of fifty-four trains, and Tuesday stated that about fifty more trains would be taken off. This road has a very heavy passenger traffic and for this reason has operated an unusually large number of passenger trains on its main line and branches. Taking off the 194 trains will throw out of employment over 500 engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen and curtail the working force to some extent in other departments.

It is reported from Omaha that Gen'l Manager Jeffers favors the "open gate" system in operating the western railroads; that is if freight can be expedited by running a Burlington train pulled by Burlington power and manned by Burlington men over the Union Pacific that plan should be adopted, and the Burlington should accord the Union Pacific the same right. This might lead to North Platte engine and train crews occasionally running into Chicago if plan should be carried to its full length.

### "Am I My Brother's Keeper?"

That was the question Cain asked God after he had slain his brother Abel. Cain thought he was not. God said he was. Today, many are asking the self-same question. The toll of the war has become so heavy upon them that they stop and wonder if they really are the keepers of their brothers across the waters. But we are, for "God has made of one blood all nations of the earth," and the blood of our brothers cry out to us from across the Atlantic, "Come over and help us lest we perish."

Today two and one-half millions Armenians, Syrians, Greeks and Jews in Asia are holding out hands to us imploring us to keep them in food during the stress of the winter. Many have not had a warm meal in months; their daily ration is about one-quarter of a loaf of bread, and that not wholly wheat bread. They are not asking for luxuries, they are not even for necessities, only for bare sustenance. In such a time we dare not fail them.

In the interest of the Armenian-Syrian relief, the Hon. R. B. Howell, of Omaha, will address the citizens of North Platte at the Franklin auditorium this (Friday) evening, at eight o'clock. No offering will be taken or appeal made for funds at that meeting; its purpose is solely the dissemination of information. Our president has approved the work; as loyal citizens let us be there.

A. G. Peters, connected with the extension department of the state university in charge of the poultry department, has been in town attending the poultry show. He will remain until tomorrow and deliver a lecture on poultry, its growing and care.

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### Episcopal Services.

January 6th, 1918, Epiphany Sunday.

9:45 a. m., Sunday school.  
11:00 a. m., Litany, sermon and holy communion.

8:30 p. m., evening prayer and address.

3:00 p. m., Sunday school at St. Paul's chapel, Northside.

REV. ARTHUR DITTES JONES, Rector.

### First Lutheran Church

Rev. C. Franklin Koch, Pastor.

Holy communion will be celebrated at eleven o'clock and at eight o'clock.

Preparatory services before each service. All members are urged to avail themselves of this opportunity.

Sunday school at 9:45 o'clock.

At a largely attended meeting of the Odd Fellows last evening the third degree was given to Governor Keith Neville.

### M. E. Church.

Evangelist Runyon, of Baldwin City, Kansas, will begin a series of meetings at the Methodist church next Sunday. The singer, Mr. Geo. W. Campbell, of Dayton, Ohio, is a strong chorus leader and soloist. Saturday night at 7:30 Mr. Campbell will meet all who wish to help in the singing at the church.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m.

Epworth League 6:30 p. m.

Evangelistic services Sunday morning and evening.

A welcome is extended to all.

### Baptist Church Notice.

All church services at the usual times on Sunday. Rev. J. B. Collins, state educational secretary, will preach both morning and evening, and will conduct a "training camp" for all church workers each evening next week. Rev. Collins is a wide-awake, interesting speaker and every one is urged to hear him.

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